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Simply Trusting.

My God, I do not fear
To yield myself to Thee;
However strange Thy will appear,
It must be good for me,
O Father, kind and wise, and strong,
Thy will can do no creature wrong.
The little babe at rest
Becomes my minister;
It lies upon its mother's breast,
And leaves itself to her.
Ah, foolish babe, if it should dread
The heart that throbs beneath its head.
I do not fear to trust
My little all to Thee;
Thy every motion must be just
To all the world and me,
Will as Thou wilt—my joy be still
To kiss thy sweet and sacred will!

SEL.

The Time of My Departure.

Death supplies a subject for most solemn contemplation. There are many uncertainties about life, and man is uncertain about many things he sees and meets during life—but death is sure. No man can live always who came into this world and took upon him the likeness of man—flesh and blood.

God has planted in the mind the faculty of hope; its office is to inquire about the future. Contentment is not to be sought only in the past and present, but also in knowing the future. The destiny of man is revealed; no one should be ignorant as to the situation in which he shall rest or act, after the race of life is run. Eye hath seen, ear hath heard, and it hath entered into the heart of man what the Lord has in reserve for those who walk in the light of the Son of Righteousness; and it is known to the worthy what unspeakable joys they shall partake of when they enter into the presence of their Redeemer. Yet the thought of leaving the earth with all its endearments, fills the soul with sorrow and casts a shadow around the rays of glory from the immortal realms that penetrate the heart.

"The time of my departure is at hand," declared the Apostle Paul when he arranged characters of divine intelligence upon parchment for the last time, to instruct his favorite son in the faith—Timothy. The scenes of earth were about to be closed to him, and the vale that hides the spiritual from the earthly, taken away. A good fight, a completed course, and loyalty to the faith, was the sum of his life; and a crown of righteousness as an emblem of meritorious service awaited him in the better country. A world of comfort pressed upon his mind for recognition as he surveyed for a moment the eventful and stormy past, and contrasted it with the endless ages of placid life amidst the anthems of immortal songsters by the pure and eternal river. A moment of such transcendent enjoyment at the close of life is above comparison with all the pleasures that can be gathered from ages of sin. Thus equipped that holy man was ready to commence the journey that all men must make; and he did it with a knowledge of what he should find beyond—but he died as few die. Confined in a Roman prison for months, and denied the liberties that naturally

belong to man, his heart was more firmly bound to the hope and assurance of untroubled rest in the presence of the Father Eternal. The prospect of relief from afflicted and tormented mortality and receiving immortality would cause any persecuted soul to leap for joy.

"The time of my departure is at hand,"—how do you expect to use that term? Are you preparing to say it with joy and a heart full of assurance that the future and heaven have unspeakable riches for you, and that you will lift up your voice in the song of deliverance when the sacred are all gathered within the confines of the heavenly city? Are you controlling your passions, crucifying your lusts and holding the mastery over the little domain (your own life and person) entrusted to your care and government, that it may be said to you at the end, "Inasmuch as you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many?" Do you mean to say when Death is knocking at your door: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith": I am ready to be transported by thee to the land of eternal enjoyments and endless happiness?

Obedience to Christ and his commandments will give you a happy answer to all questions about death and eternity; consolation when the departing hour has come; boldness and confidence at the throne of judgment; a mansion in the spirit land, where the redeemed, the prophets, the patriarchs, the angels and Christ shall be your guests and company.

Will you obey? Ed.

The Art of Early Rising.

The proper time to rise, says the Lancet, is when sleep ends. Dozing should not be allowed. True sleep is the aggregate of sleeps, or is a state consisting in the sleeping or rest of all the several parts of the organism. Sometimes one and at other times another part of the body, as a whole, may be the least fatigued, and so the first to awake, or the most exhausted and therefore the most difficult to arouse. The secret of good sleep is the physiological conditions of rest being established; so to work and weary the several parts of the organism as to give them a proportionally equal need of rest at the same moment; and, to wake early and feel ready to rise, a fair and equal start of the sleepers should be secured; and the wise self-manager should not allow a drowsy feeling of the consciousness or weary senses, or an exhausted muscular system, to beguile him into the folly of going to sleep again when once he has been aroused. After a very few days of self-discipline, the man who resolves not to doze, that is, not to allow some sleepy part of his body to keep him in bed after his brain has once awakened, will find himself, without knowing why, an early riser.—SEL.

We live in the lives of others more than in our own.

The Religious World.

Nineteen years ago there were only ninety-one Christian missionaries in China, now there are four hundred and twenty-eight of whom a hundred are single women.

It cost our government \$1,848,000 to support 2,200 Dakota Indians during seven years of their savage life; after they were Christianized, it cost \$120,000 for the same length of time.

The Methodist church at Gallipolis, O., Rev. W. H. Lewis pastor, has received 420 persons as the result of the remarkable revival at that place commencing with the Week of Prayer.

During the past year three hundred conversions were reported among the Cherokee Indians, who now have over 2,000 Baptists among them. In the whole Indian Territory there are about 6,000 Baptists.

The thirty-second Convention of the General synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States will be held at Harrisburg, Pa., commencing at 9 A. M. on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, May 27, 1885.

The United Brethren of Pennsylvania have purchased a tract of land on the ocean front at Cape May Point, New Jersey, which they propose to use as a camp-meeting site. They will begin the erection of suitable buildings at once.

The "Reformed Hardshell Baptist Church" is the title assumed by a Baptist congregation in Elberton, Ga. One of the articles provides that no female member shall wear any dress more costly than calico, nor any head-dress except a sun-bonnet.

Eighty-four convicts were confirmed in the New Jersey State Prison, March 29th. The keeper of the Trenton prison, Mr. P. H. Laverty, has fitted up a chapel for holding religious services, and opened it to all denominations. The effect of this has been most happy on the prisoners.

Rev. Mr. Finny at Monsurra, Egypt, conducts a Sunday school of Jews, Copts, Syrians and Mohammedans, twenty-six girls and thirty-one boys, with ten full-grown men. It is only two years old, but its members have already made great progress in committing Scripture to memory and in learning to sing.

Large numbers of the Esquimaux, it is said, are leaving their native land and settling in Alaska. The Moravians, who have so long and so nobly cared for the spiritual interests of Greenland, are taking steps to follow these emigrants to their new sphere and to provide them with Gospel privileges.

A Bible Institute will be held in Chicago in May and June, for Christian workers. Rev. W. G. Moorehead, D. D., Xenia, O., Rev. E. P. Goodwin, D. D., of Chicago; and Maj. D. W. Whittle are among the instructors. Inquiries should be addressed to Miss E. Dryer, Bible Institute, 150 Madison St., Chicago.

Mr. George Parker, a missionary of the China Island Mission, has within a year traveled over three thousand miles in Northern Kansas, persevering in his work during a severe winter, and selling ten thousand portions of Scripture in Chinese. He met many traders from other provinces of China, and from the interior of Asia.

The current number of the *Faith Missionary* of Oberlin, has a wonderful letter from Henry Wholler, of North Topeka, Kansas, in which he tells of accidentally taking strychnine for medicine. Two physicians were called and declared he must die, and the final convulsion was believed to be upon him. Mrs. Wholler and others betook themselves to prayer and their cry was heard. He arose from his bed and in a few days had recovered usual health.

Golden Gatherings.

Faith puts a strengthening plaster to the back of courage. Imagination is a libertine that dirobes every thing it covets.

Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.

Kisses by people who no longer love each other are merely collated yawns.

Every true desire from a child's heart finds some true answer in the heart of God.

God has two dwellings—one in heaven, and the other in the meek and thankful heart.

Experience is a trophy composed of all the weapons that we have been wounded with.

The tears of the child of God have more of the element of happiness than the laughter of the ungodly.

There is small chance of triumph at the goal where there is not a childlike humility at the starting post.

The dependence of the mind on the senses is seen in the fact that the deaf and dumb are apt to be stupid.

The charity that thinketh no evil is a wiser statesmanship than the misanthropy that thinketh no good.

If a man speaks and acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him, like a shadow that never leaves him.

Some people are always finding fault with nature for putting thorns on roses. I always thank her for putting roses on thorns.

In God's salvation we can do but little, but there is a great deal to be received.

A wide, rich heaven hangs above you, but it hangs high, a wide rough world is around you but it lies low.

Some women cling to their own houses like the honeysuckle over the door, and, like it, sweeten all the region with the subtle fragrance of their goodness.

A thing to be thankful for is that God so sifts our prayers that only the right ones are answered. If all the foolish ones were granted we would have unspeakable suffering.

Philotheos Bryennios.

The *Independent* first directed the attention of the American public to the remarkable discovery and edition of the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" by Philotheos Bryennios. It has ever since kept an eye on the progress of the lively literary discussion which followed, in England, Germany, and America and is still going on. But very little was known of the discoverer and first editor beyond the fact that he is Metropolitan of the ancient See of Nicomedia (Ismid), once the capital of Diocletian, the last imperial persecutor of Christianity and of Constantine the Great, who was baptized and died there in 337.

Being engaged in a monograph on the "Didache of the Twelve Apostles," which will be a necessary supplement to the second volume of my Church History (it appeared in its revised shape a few months before the *Didache*), I put myself in correspondence with Bryennios, and was kindly favored by him with his photograph and several interesting communications, all in modern Greek. Among these is the following modest autobiographical sketch which will greatly interest your readers. Bryennios is perhaps the most learned living divine of the Eastern Church. He shows in his editions of Clement of Rome and of the *Didache* a rare familiarity with the Scriptures, with old patristic, and with modern German theological literature. He was a prominent, though passive candidate for the patriarchal throne of Constantinople, but was defeated by a rival candidate, and banished from the capital for reasons unknown. For the translation I am indebted to my friend, the Rev. Dr. Crosby, who is an expert in modern as well as in ancient Greek.—PHILIP SCHAFF IN INDEPENDENT.

By doing good with his money a man, as it were, stamps the image of God upon it, and makes both pass current into the merchandise of heaven.

Receive Christ with all your heart. As there is nothing in Christ that may be refused, so there is nothing in you from which he must be excluded.

In all things throughout the world, the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the men that look for the straight will see the straight.

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a child a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

Every pulsation of light on every brain is from him. Every feeling of law and order is from him. Every hint of right, every desire after the true, whatever we call aspiration all longing for light, every perception that is true, and that ought to be done, is from the Father of lights.